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SUBJECT: US/FRG PLANNING TALKS

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BARTHOLOMEW-SMYSER TELECONS.

1. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM MARCH 16-18 AS THE DATES FOR US/FRG PLANNING STAFF TALKS.

2. US PARTICIPANTS WILL BE WINSTON LORD (DIRECTOR, S/P), REGINALD BARTHOLOMEW (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, S/P), PHILIP KAPLAN (MEMBER, S/P), RICHARD VINE (EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY) AND DAVID ANDERSON (EUR/CE, DIRECTOR). ALL WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING DISCUSSIONS IN PERSONAL CAPACITY. WE UNDERSTAND IT IS AGREEABLE TO BLECH THAT AN EMBASSY OFFICER ALSO PARTICIPATE.

3. BLECH'S SUGGESTION TO START THE TALKS IN BERLIN IS
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AGREEABLE. LORD AND BARTHOLOMEW PRESENTLY PLAN TO ARRIVE

AT BERLIN AIRPORT AT

1015 HOURS MARCH 16 ABOARD PANAM 684 FROM FRANKFURT -- THE CONNECTING FLIGHT FROM PANAM 72. KAPLAN WILL ARRIVE BERLIN MARCH 14 ABOARD PANAM 692 AT 1415 HOURS. TRAVEL PLANS FOR VINE AND ANDERSON ARE STILL OPEN.

4. BLECH'S SUGGESTIONS FOR BERLIN ARE FINE. PARTICIPATION DURING BERLIN TALKS OF FRG OFFICIALS DEALING WITH GDR WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO US. WE WOULD WELCOME VISIT WITH BERLIN SENAT OFFICIAL, AND CITY TOUR, INCLUDING VISIT TO EAST BERLIN. WE WOULD PREFER BERLIN

PHILHARMONIC PERFORMANCE ON EVENING OF MARCH 16.

5. WE FAVOR LIMITING BERLIN TALKS TO HALF A DAY AND RETURNING TO BONN IN TIME TO HOLD FIRST SESSION OF TALKS IN BONN ON AFTERNOON OF MARCH 17.

6. AS TO TALKS IN BONN, AGENDA IN PARA 4 REF B, AS MODIFIED BY BLECH (REF C PARA 3) IS ACCEPTABLE. WE ALSO WOULD BE HAPPY TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER TOPICS BLECH MAY WISH TO PROPOSE. IN RESPONSE TO BLECH'S REQUEST FOR OUR TENTATIVE THOUGHTS ON ORGANIZING THE MEETING, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE TALKS BE STRUCTURED SO THAT, ON EACH TOPIC, ONESIDE WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN MAKING BRIEF INITIAL REMARKS IN ORDER TO TRIGGER FREE DISCUSSION. DISCUSSION SHOULD BE AS INFORMAL, CANDID, AND FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE THERE FOLLOWS AN ILLUSTRATIVE AGENDA OF TOPICS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR WHO MIGHT TAKE THE LEAD ON EACH SUBJECT. WE DO NOT THINK IT IS NECESSARY TO EXCHANGE PAPERS IN ADVANCE.

7. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON - MARCH 17, 1500 -- TRANS ATLANTIC RELATIONS -- POSSIBLY INCLUDING: STATE OF US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS, NATO, EC, MTN, ETC (GERMAN LEAD); COHESION OF ALLIANCE -- INCLUDING SOUTHERN EUROPE AND MEDITERRANEAN (US LEAD); WEST EUROPEAN UNIFICATION (GERMAN LEAD).

8. THURSDAY MORNING - MARCH 18, 1000 - EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN EUROPE-POSSIBLY INCLUDING: SOVIET INTERNAL SITUATION
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AND ITS FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS (GERMAN LEAD); SINO-SOVIET RIVALRY (US LEAD); GERMAN SITUATION AND FRG POLICY IN EAST-WEST CONTEXT (GERMAN LEAD); BALANCE SHEET ON AND PROSPECTS FOR DETENTE IN EUROPE (US LEAD); POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF EXTRA-EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS ON SECURITY OF ALLIANCE (FRG LEAD).

9. THURSDAY AFTERNOON - MARCH 18, 1430 -- NORTH - SOUTH

RELATIONS -- INCLUDING PROSPECTS FOR CIEC AND UNCTAD IV,
ROLE OF OECD AND OPTIMAL DIVISION OF LABOR AMONG THESE AND

OTHER INSTITUTIONS (US LEAD); FRG FOREIGN POLICY OUT-
SIDE EUROPE (GERMAN LEAD); MIDEAST (US LEAD); EAST AND
SOUTHEAST ASIA (US LEAD); CONNECTION BETWEEN NORTH/SOUTH
AND EAST/WEST PROBLEMS (FRG LEAD). (LATTER ITEMS PICK UP
BLECH'S IDEA OF EXAMINING EAST-WEST DIMENSION OF NORTH-
SOUTH ISSUES. WE ARE FLEXIBLE ON THIS AND PREPARED TO
BE GUIDED BY BLECH'S PREFERENCES.)

10. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS REPRESENTS A VERY FULL AGENDA
AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO ADD OR DELETE AS GERMANS DESIRE.
AS INDICATED, THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE TENTATIVE AND WE LOOK
FORWARD TO HAVING BLECH'S VIEWS.

11. FYI. PLEASE LET US HAVE THE EMBASSY'S OWN THOUGHTS
ABOUT WHAT WE MIGHT EXPECT FROM THE GERMANS ON THE
AGENDA TOPICS AND WHAT MIGHT BE USEFULLY DEVELOPED BY
S/P AT THE FORMAL PLANNING TALKS OR INFORMALLY ON THE
MARGIN OF THEM. END FYI.

12. LORD AND BARTHOLOMEW PRESENTLY PLAN TO DEPART BONN
ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 19. KAPLAN'S ONWARD TRAVEL PLANS
FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

13. FOR USBERLIN -- PLEASE DESIGNATE CONTROL OFFICER, PRO-
VIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT AND ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS
MARCH 16 FOR DEPARTMENT PARTICIPANTS. KAPLAN WILL NEED
SINGLE FOR MARCH 14-15 AS WELL.

14. FOR BONN -- PLEASE DESIGNATE CONTROL OFFICER,ARRANGE
TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT AND ACCOMMODATIONS ON
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